

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The applicants elect the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-18.

With respect to the requirements for election of species, the applicants elect as follows:

- A - ethanol;
- B - *Fucus evanescens*;
- C - sodium hydroxide; and
- D - sodium bicarbonate.

These species are specifically disclosed in applicants' Example 1.

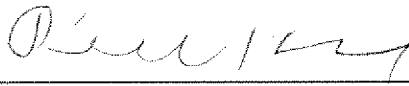
New claim 22 is specific to the elected species A and B while claims 23 and 24 are specific to species C and D, respectively.

Claims 1-18 and new claims 22-24 are readable on the elected invention (Group I) and the elected species.

Favorable action on all the elected claims (claims 1-18, 22-24) is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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